में उत्तर प्रदेश अपनी वित्तीय वचनबद्धताओं की पूर्ति करने में समर्थ हो सकें।

दिसम्बर, 1998 तक परियोजना पर 1820.87 करोड़ रुपये का व्यय हुआ। 2002 तक खर्च करने वाल शेष व्यय 3161.13 करोड़ रुपये हैं। दिसम्बर, 1997 के मूल्यस्तर पर परियोजना की संशोधित लागत 4,982 करोड़ रुपये हैं।

Attacks on christians in Gujarat and Orissa

*32. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware of growing incidents of attacks on Christian Missionaries in Gujarat and Orissa; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Minorities Commission has submitted its report about incidents in Gujarat; if so, the saliet features of the report;

(c) what has been the outcome of Government's enquiry on the assassination/murder of an Australian Missionary and his two sons in Orissa; and

(d) the action taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) Available information in regard to incidents of attack on Christians/ Christian missionaries in Gujarat and Orissa during 1998 and 1999 (up to February 20) is given below:—

Number ot incidents

Name of Stale	1998	1999 (up to Feb.20)
Gujarat	48	13
Orissa	3	4

Three reports Have been received from the National Commission for Minorities in connection with the incidents in Gujarat. Those reports have been fowarded to the Government of Gujarat for taking appropriate action on the recommendations contained therein insofar as the matter relates to the State Government. The recommendations pertaining to the Union Government contained in the said reports are under examination. As required under section 9(2) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, these recommendations, along with an action taken memorandum, will be laid before each House of Parliament, in due course.

The Commission of Inquiry to look into the killing of Mr. Graham Stewart Staines, an Australian national, and his two sons, was appointed by the Central Government on 29.1.1999. The Commission has been asked to submit its report within two months. The report is awaited.

Population increase in three border districts of West Bengal

*33. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 200% population increase was recorded in Malda, Murshidabad and Nadia between 1951 and 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons for such increase in border districts only; and

(c) the steps taken to contain infiltration from Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) The increase in population in the three districts under reference between 1951 and 1991 was as follows:—

(i) Malda 181.26%
(ii) Murshidabad 176.03%
(iii) Nadia 237.11%

(b) the increase in population is attributable to several factors including influx of people from across the border.

(c) Several measures have been taken to curb and prevent infiltration. These include, *inter alia,* raising of additional battalions of the Border Security Force;